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SUBJECT: OPRED - PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE

POSITION FROM THE HAGUE TO VIENNA

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B) BUDAPEST 785

C) PRAGUE 668

D) VIENNA 3044

1. DEPT APPRECIATES TIMELY AND THOUGHTFUL RESPONSES TO

USDA PROPOSAL REACTIVATE AGATT POSITION AUSTRIA. CON-

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TINUING GROWTH OF INTEREST IN EE OPPORTUNITIES ON PART OF

PRIVATE TRADE PROMPTS DESIRE BY USDA TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PROPOSAL. IF POSITION TRANSFER IS APPROVED TO VIENNA, AGRICULTURE ENVISAGES ASSIGNMENT OF NEW ATTACHE IN CONCERT WITH ROUTINE SHIFTS IN AGATT ASSIGNMENTS AS EARLY AS JUNE. THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM USDA:

A. FULLY FUNDED AGATT STAFF ALREADY IN VIENNA AND RECENT OMB VETO SUCH AGATT STAFF PRAGUE OR BUDAPEST MAKE PROPOSAL OUTLINED REF (A) ONLY FEASIBLE OPTION WHICH WILL PROVIDE GREATER COVERAGE AUSTRIAN, HUNGARIAN, AND CZECH MARKETS OF OVER \$110 MILLION IN 1973 FOR US FARM PRODUCTS. BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS MILITATE AGAINST INCREASED FREQUENCY VISITS FROM WASHINGTON AS SUBSTITUTE FOR AGATT IN VIENNA.

B. USDA FULLY AWARE THAT AGATT STATIONED VIENNA WOULD NOT BE ABLE GIVE DAY-TO-DAY ATTENTION TO AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS AND PROBLEMS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY. PROPOSED AGATT WOULD BE FULLY ACCREDITED BOTH TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY, AS WELL AS AUSTRIA. HE WOULD MAKE FREQUENT FIELD TRIPS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY, THE MOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH WOULD COINCIDE WITH GROWING SEASONS AND END OF CROP YEAR PLUS SERVICING OF TRADE INTERESTS.

C. BULK OF AGRICULTURAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY WOULD CONTINUE TO RESIDE WITH EMBASSIES WITH AGATT IN VIENNA ASSISTING IN TRADE PROMOTION AND GATHERING OF AGRICULTURAL INTELLIGENCE AS WELL AS PROVIDING SUPPORT OF EWTC VIENNA ACTIVITIES TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. USDA BELIEVES AGATT IN VIENNA WOULD SECURE SUFFICIENT ACCESS TO CZECH AND HUNGARIAN AGRICULTURAL AND TRADE OFFICIALS TO DISCHARGE THESE RESPONSIBILITIES.

D. CANDIDATE TENTATIVELY SLATED FOR POSITION IN VIENNA SPEAKS HUNGARIAN AND CZECH AS WELL AS FRENCH AND GERMAN.

E. USDA CONTINUES TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO ESTABLISHMENT AGATT POSITIONS IN EAST EUROPEAN CAPITALS.

2. BASED ON THIS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR HUME'S DECISION CONCERNING USDA PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER AGATT TO VIENNA. KISSINGER

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